

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph at page 6, line 9, in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 10, as follows:

Fig. ~~42~~41 is a side elevation in section of a stack of container members of the container of Fig. 38,

Fig. ~~43~~42 is a perspective view of a further embodiment of blending and heating apparatus,

Fig. ~~44~~43 is a view corresponding to Fig. ~~43~~42 with the main housing omitted,

Fig. ~~45~~44 is a view corresponding to Fig. ~~43~~42 and ~~44~~43 with the housing covered omitted,

Fig. ~~46~~45 is a view corresponding to Figs. ~~43~~42, ~~44~~43 and ~~45~~44 showing an internal locator for the housing,

Fig. ~~47~~46 is a perspective view of a container for the apparatus of Figs. ~~43~~46~~42~~45,

Fig. ~~48~~47 is a view of the container of Fig. ~~47~~46 with the closure member omitted, and

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1 as follows:

Fig. ~~49~~48 is a vertical section through the container of Figs. ~~47~~46 and ~~48~~47.

Please amend the paragraph bridging page 29, line 15 through page 30, line 2, as follows:

Referring now to Fig. 38, there is shown an alternative form of container which is intended to simulate a cocktail glass. In this case the container includes a base portion (~~Fig. 41~~) in the form of a disc 240 and upstanding from the base is a tapered hollow portion 242 extending

upwards and arranged to be inserted into a body member 243 (Fig. ~~4241~~) in the shape of a goblet, i.e., of circular cross section and curved inwards towards its lower end. The upper end of the goblet 243 is open, and during blending the body 243 has located therein a blending element 244 located over the upper end of the hollow member 242 within the body 243. The blending element 244 and the drive to ~~said~~ the element ~~is~~ are similar to that described for the previous embodiment. Thus the product is filled into the body portion 243 and such product is blended by rotating the blending element 244 about its axis, as previously described. This container may have a lid 245 which may be raised and may simulate an umbrella in a manner of cocktail containers. The body member 243 is located on the base portion 240 after blending for consumption of product and the base portion may be of reusable material, for example of glass. Alternatively the product is poured out of the body 243 into another container for consumption.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 9, as follows:

Referring to Figs. ~~43-46~~ 42-45 these show further apparatus in which the container of Figs. ~~48-56~~ 46-48, containing food product, is heated and blended. The apparatus comprises a base plate 310 on which is mounted the various components which include a rectangular housing 311 having an upper opening 312 over which is locatable a closure or lid 313. The lid is hinged about one edge and is lifted and lowered by a handle 314. In the open position of the closure 313 the housing 311 is accessible to insert and remove a container of food product. The housing 311 and the closure 313 are made from material which reflects microwave radiation whereby such radiation once entering the housing cannot escape, providing that the closure 313 is in place.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 20, as follows:

A container for use with the apparatus of Figs. ~~43-46~~42-45 is illustrated in Figs. ~~47-49~~46-48. The container is of generally circular section over a body portion 331 tapering from a lower end or base 312 outwards towards the upper end. Towards the upper end the body portion 331 is stepped outwardly at 333 to provide a shoulder 334. The shoulder 334 provides for stacking the containers inside one another prior to assembly for transportation purposes.

Please amend the paragraph bridging page 34, line 25, through page 35, line 4, as follows:

When it is required to consume product within the container it is removed from its refrigerated environment and, when employing the apparatus of Figs. ~~43-46~~42-45, it is heated and blended for consumption. The lid 313 is moved to an open position using the handle 314 or by power means to reveal the upper opening 312. The container is inserted through the opening 312 into the housing 311 and the support member 324 is located into the hollow portion 340 of the container. In this position the drive element 321 is in driving engagement with the driven member 345 of the element 343.